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1. Chinese Communists are sponsoring a separate Yachin State.
2. Communists* from Momeik (Yong Mit) State and Katha District are active and have twice penetrated Bhamo District.
3. Every possible means is being taken to prevent the organization of anti-Communist activities within the area.**
4. The internal situation around Bhamo is far from encouraging and more Burmese troops are needed.
5. Bhamo police are taking up defensive positions. The Communists are using hit-and-run tactics which, if continued, will place a strain on Government forces. Local Burma police officers favor the assumption of a limited offensive to keep the Communists off balance. Communist strength is not considerable but they have the advantage of the offensive. Burmese Government commitments are many and their forces are inadequate. They need more men, arms, and ammunition to counter-attack and "nip things in the bud."

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* Comment. It is not clear whether these Communists are Chinese, Burmese followers of NAW SENG from China, or BCP insurgents. This last appears most likely.

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** Comment. It is not clear exactly who is trying to prevent anti-Communist activity. This paragraph may refer either to the Communists or to the Burmese police. This office considers the latter alternative more probable.

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